

NE> On page 310, line 22, please replace "Fig. 7" with --Figs. 7a and 7b--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 22-25.

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A telephone for use with a first network having a predetermined allocated bandwidth and a second network having a variable bandwidth, the telephone comprising:
a microphone;
a user interface;
an interface circuit that selectively couples to the first and second networks, the first and second networks operating substantially independent of one another;
processing circuitry, coupled to the user interface and the interface circuit, that directs the interface circuit to select one of the first and second networks; and
an analog to digital converter that is coupled between the microphone and the second network by the processing circuitry when the second network is selected [The telephone of claim 22,] wherein the processing circuitry responds to the user interface to determine which of the first and second networks to select.

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27. (Amended) The telephone of claim [22] 26, wherein the first network comprises a telephony network.

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28. (Amended) The telephone of claim 27, wherein the second network comprises the Internet.

29. (Amended) A network telephone that couples to the Internet, the network telephone comprising:

a buffer that stores incoming digital voice information;

an interface circuit that couples to the Internet; and

processing circuitry, coupled to the interface circuit and the buffer, that directs the storage of the incoming digital voice information into the buffer for a queuing period of a duration that corresponds to propagation delay through the Internet to attempt to prevent periods of blanking during voice reproduction.

Please add the following new claims:

35. (New) The telephone of claim 26, wherein the user interface receives an alphanumeric sequence, and the processing circuitry utilizes the alphanumeric sequence to establish communication on the first network.

36. (New) The telephone of claim 26, wherein the alphanumeric sequence comprises a telephone number.

37. (New) The telephone of claim 26, wherein the user interface receives an alphanumeric sequence, and the processing circuitry utilizes the alphanumeric sequence to establish communication on the second network.